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When we last left off, our heroes were searching the depths of Dr. Eggman's ultimate weapon, the Death Egg, in hopes of finding their teammate-turned-killer-robot, Sally Acorn!

With the help of Silver the Hedgehog, our heroes were able to shut down Mecha Sally before she could cause any major damage. The celebration was cut short by Eggman, who initiated the Genesis Wave which threw Sonic into a cross-dimensional adventure!

Super Sonic used Chaos Control in order to revert the world back to the way it was, but Dr. Eggman interfered and distorted Sonic's technique. The fate of Sonic's universe has since remained a mystery,

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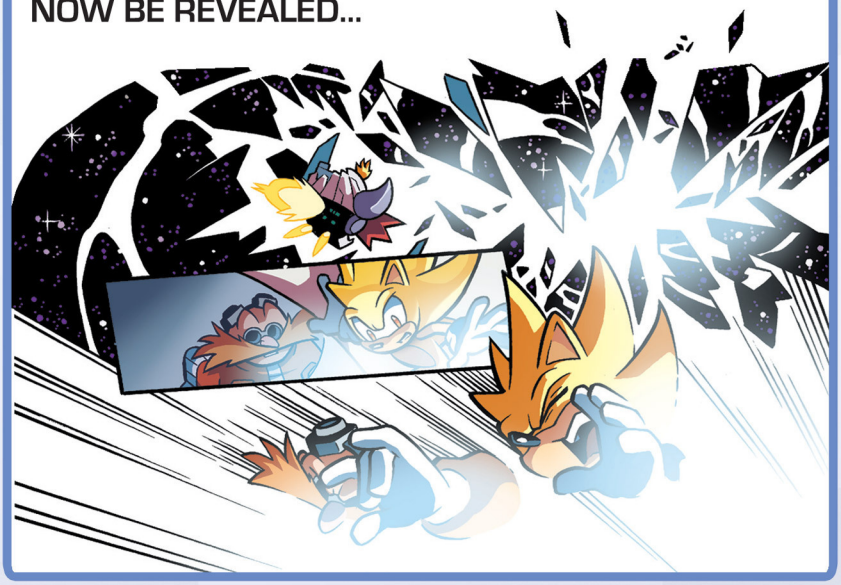

WHO'S WHO

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST BUD

DR. EGGMAN
SONIC'S MAD SCIENTIST NEMESIS

NICOLE THE LYNX
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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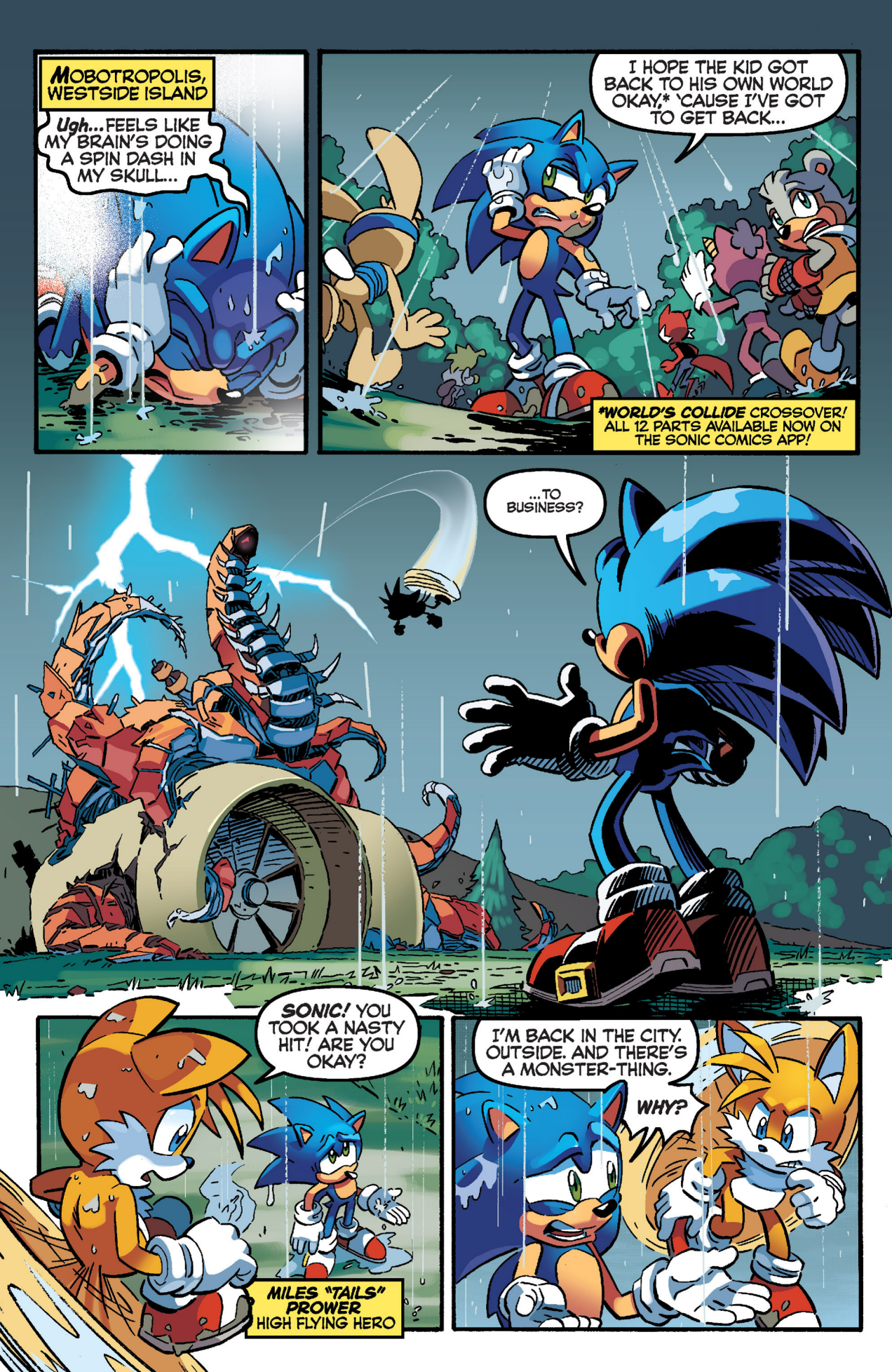
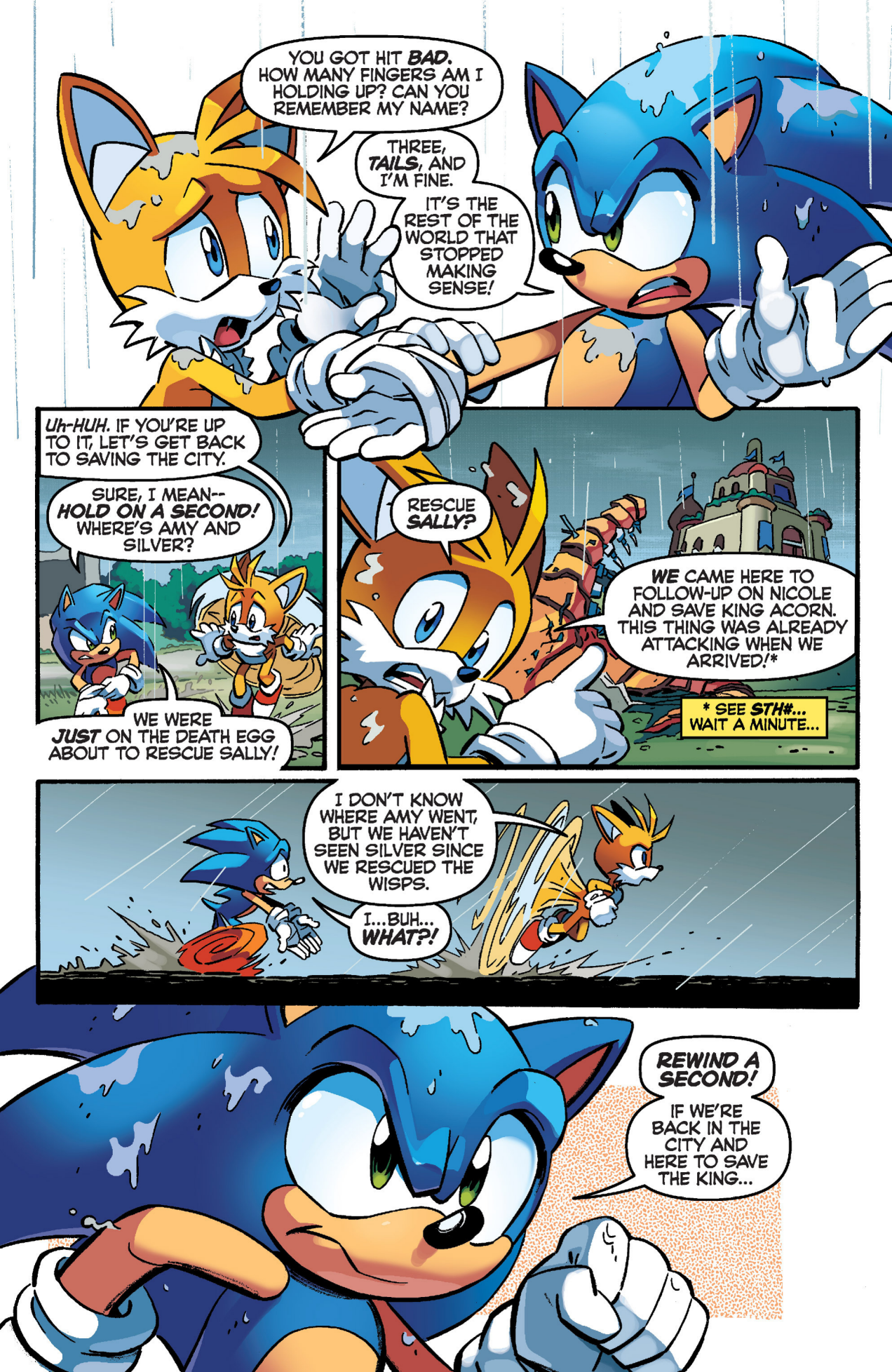
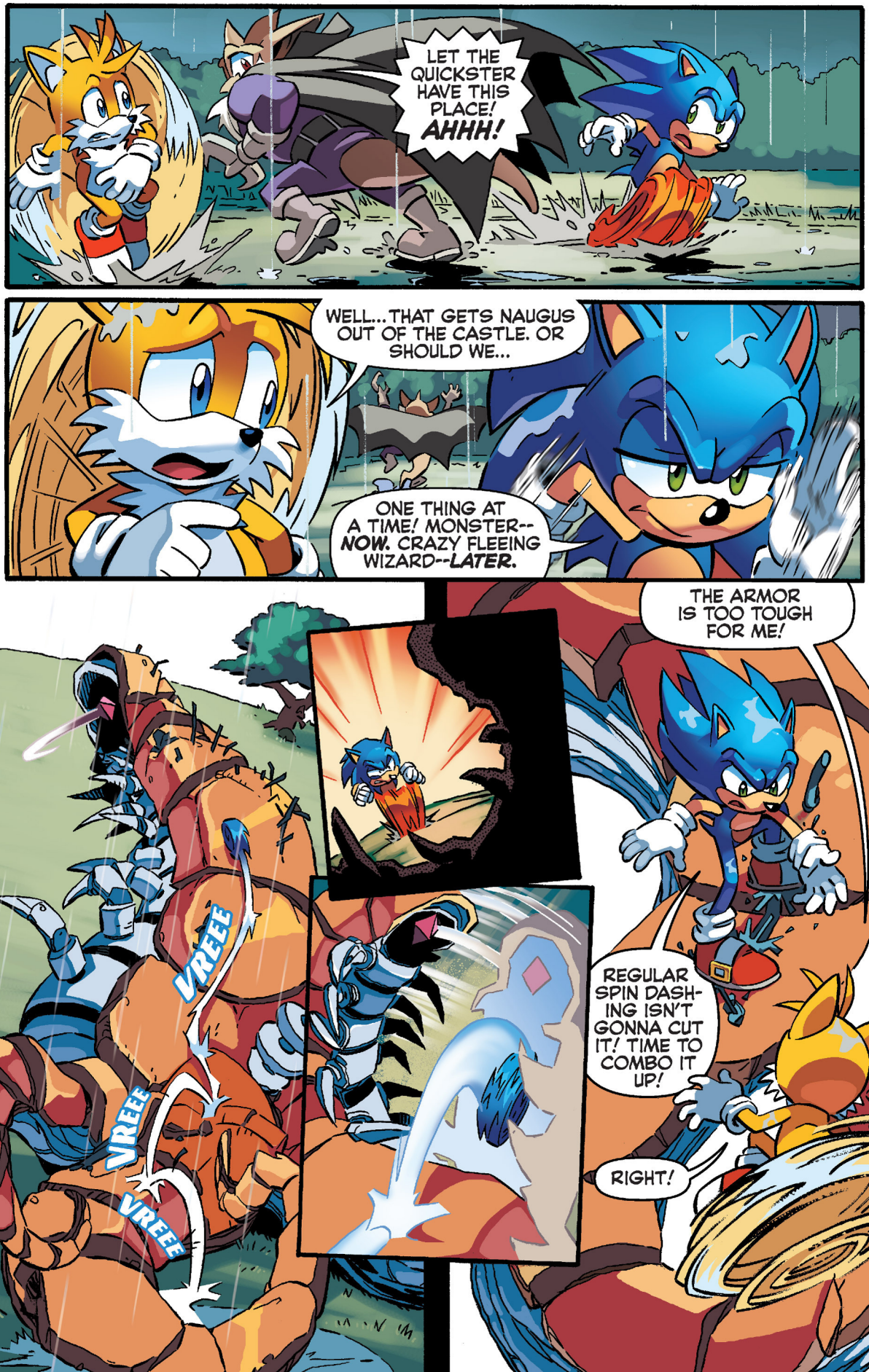
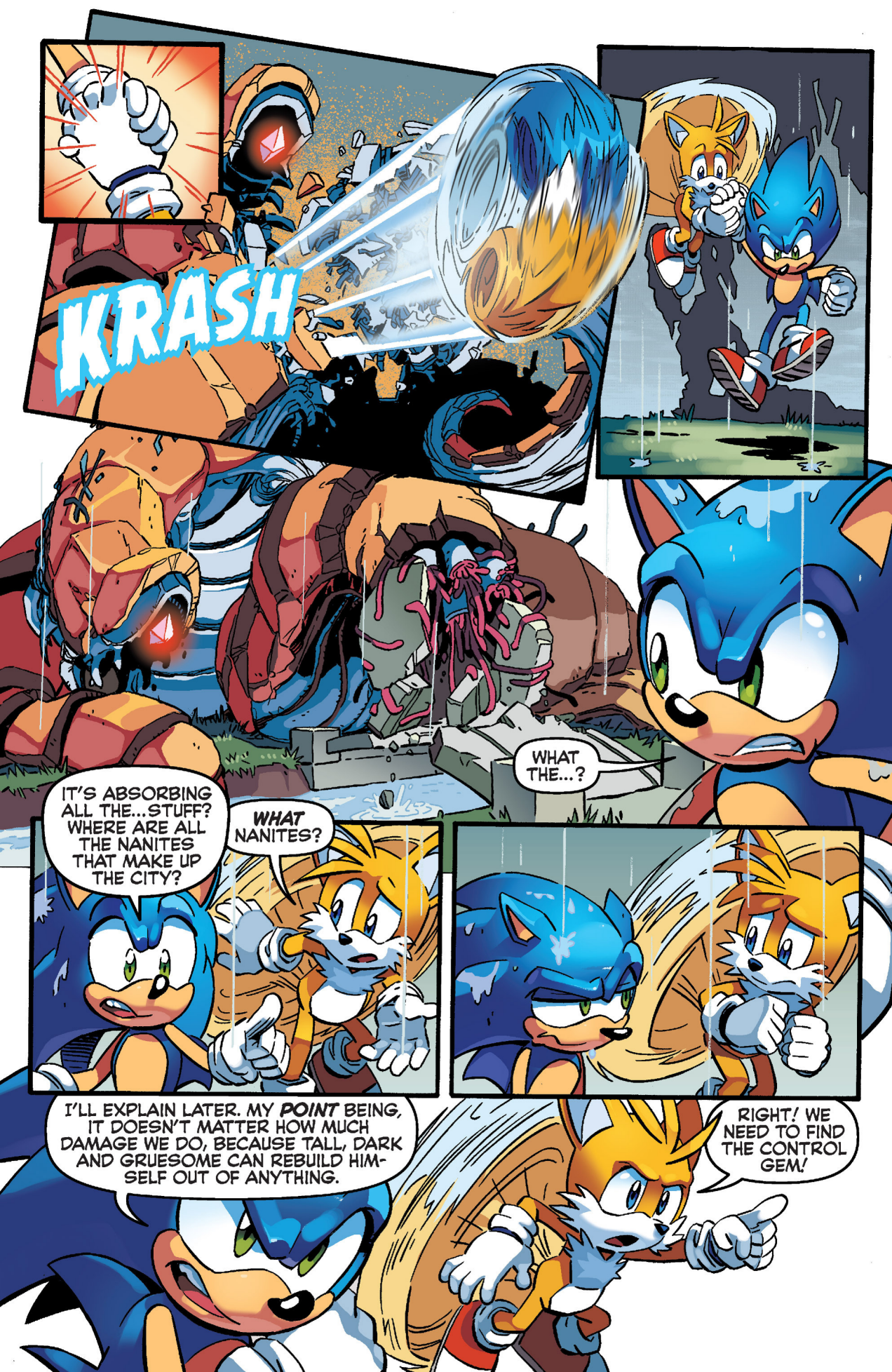

MOBOTROPOLIS, WESTSIDE ISLAND
Ugh...FEELS LIKE MY BRAIN'S DOING A SPIN DASH IN MY SKULL...
I HOPE THE KID GOT BACK TO HIS OWN WORLD OKAY,* 'CAUSE I'VE GOT TO GET BACK...
*WORLD'S COLLIDE CROSSOVER! ALL 12 PARTS AVAILABLE NOW ON THE SONIC COMICS APP!
...TO BUSINESS?
SONIC! YOU TOOK A NASTY HIT! ARE YOU OKAY?
MILES "TAILS" PROWER HIGH FLYING HERO
I'M BACK IN THE CITY. OUTSIDE. AND THERE'S A MONSTER-THING.
WHY?

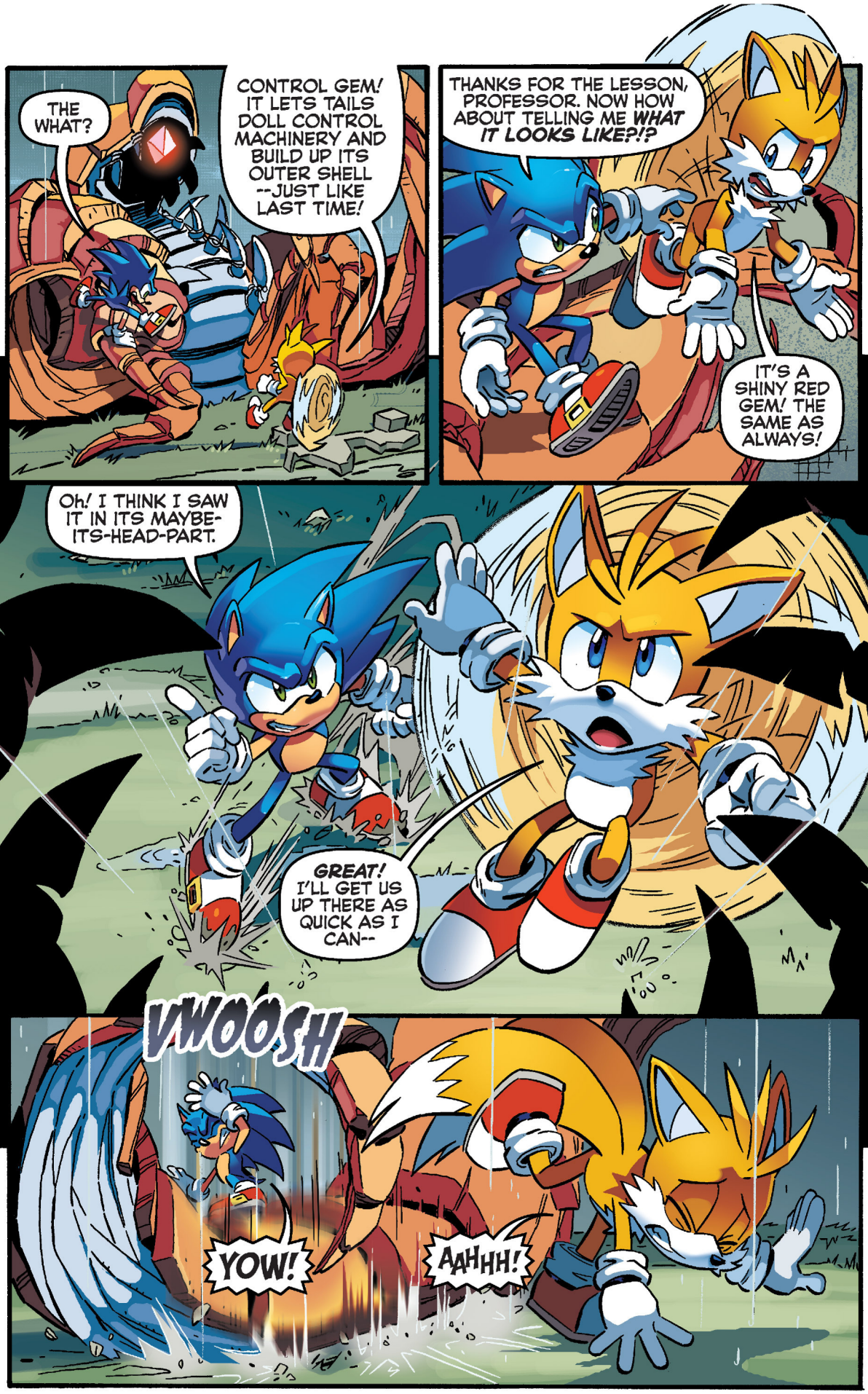

YOU GOT HIT BAD. HOW MANY FINGERS AM I HOLDING UP? CAN YOU REMEMBER MY NAME?
THREE, TAILS, AND I'M FINE.
IT'S THE REST OF THE WORLD THAT STOPPED MAKING SENSE!
Uh-HUH. IF YOU'RE UP TO IT, LET'S GET BACK TO SAVING THE CITY.
SURE, I MEAN-- HOLD ON A SECOND! WHERE'S AMY AND SILVER?
WE WERE JUST ON THE DEATH EGG ABOUT TO RESCUE SALLY!
RESCUE SALLY?
WE CAME HERE TO FOLLOW-UP ON NICOLE AND SAVE KING ACORN. THIS THING WAS ALREADY ATTACKING WHEN WE ARRIVED!*
* SEE STH#... WAIT A MINUTE...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE AMY WENT, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN SILVER SINCE WE RESCUED THE WISPS.
I...BUH... WHAT?!
REWIND A SECOND!
IF WE'RE BACK IN THE CITY AND HERE TO SAVE THE KING...

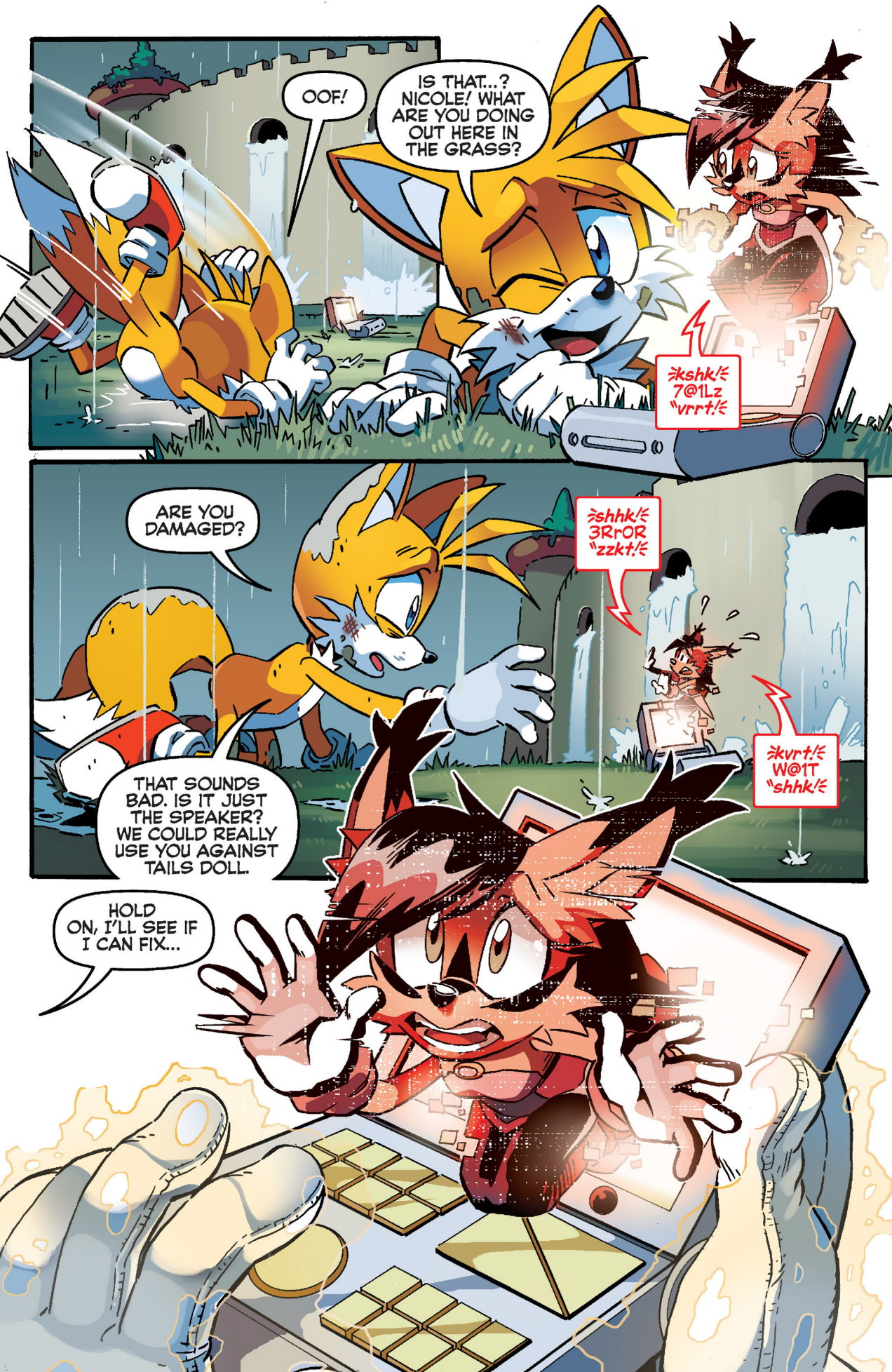
"...DOES THAT MEAN NAUGUS IS INVOLVED?"
CURSE IT ALL! FIRST EGGMAN SENDS HIS CREATIONS AFTER ME, THEN THE QUICKSTER ARRIVES!
SERVES YOU RIGHT, WALLY. TERRORIZING THE CITIZENS, LYING AND MANIPULATING YOUR WAY TO THE CROWN!
DON'T LECTURE ME, AND NEVER CALL ME THAT!
THIS WOULDN'T BE AN ISSUE IF YOU MADE GOOD ON YOUR PROMISE!
NAUGUS USURPER & EX-WIZARD
NICOLE ADVANCED A.I., FREEDOM FIGHTER
HURRY UP AND FINISH MAKING THAT SUPER RING SO I CAN RESTORE MY MAGIC!
I TOLD YOU-- I'M NOT SURE I CAN MAKE ONE.
THEN I WILL FIND SOME OTHER WAY!
IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES?
GRRRRRR!!
YOU'LL FINISH THAT RING OR I'LL MAKE YOU--!

NYAAAGH!!
KSH!
WH-WHAT SORCERY IS THIS? TH-THESE VISIONS OF... ANOTHER LIFE...?
NO! I MUST DRIVE THE VISIONS OUT! MUST ESCAPE!
MUST ESCAPE!!
KRASH


LET THE QUICKSTER HAVE THIS PLACE! AHHH!
WELL...THAT GETS NAUGUS OUT OF THE CASTLE. OR SHOULD WE...
ONE THING AT A TIME! MONSTER-- NOW. CRAZY FLEEING WIZARD--LATER.
THE ARMOR IS TOO TOUGH FOR ME!
REGULAR SPIN DASH-ING ISN'T GONNA CUT IT! TIME TO COMBO IT UP!
RIGHT!
VREEE
VREEE
VREEE


KRASH
WHAT THE...?
IT'S ABSORBING ALL THE...STUFF? WHERE ARE ALL THE NANITES THAT MAKE UP THE CITY?
WHAT NANITES?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. MY POINT BEING, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH DAMAGE WE DO, BECAUSE TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME CAN REBUILD HIMSELF OUT OF ANYTHING.
RIGHT! WE NEED TO FIND THE CONTROL GEM!


THE WHAT?
CONTROL GEM! IT LETS TAILS DOLL CONTROL MACHINERY AND BUILD UP ITS OUTER SHELL --JUST LIKE LAST TIME!
THANKS FOR THE LESSON, PROFESSOR. NOW HOW ABOUT TELLING ME WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE?!?
IT'S A SHINY RED GEM! THE SAME AS ALWAYS!
Oh! I THINK I SAW IT IN ITS MAYBE-ITS-HEAD-PART.
GREAT! I'LL GET US UP THERE AS QUICK AS I CAN--
VWOOSH
YOW!
AAHHH!


OOF!
IS THAT...? NICOLE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE IN THE GRASS?
ARE YOU DAMAGED?
THAT SOUNDS BAD. IS IT JUST THE SPEAKER? WE COULD REALLY USE YOU AGAINST TAILS DOLL.
HOLD ON, I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIX...
≠kshk/≠ 7@1Lz "vrrt/≠
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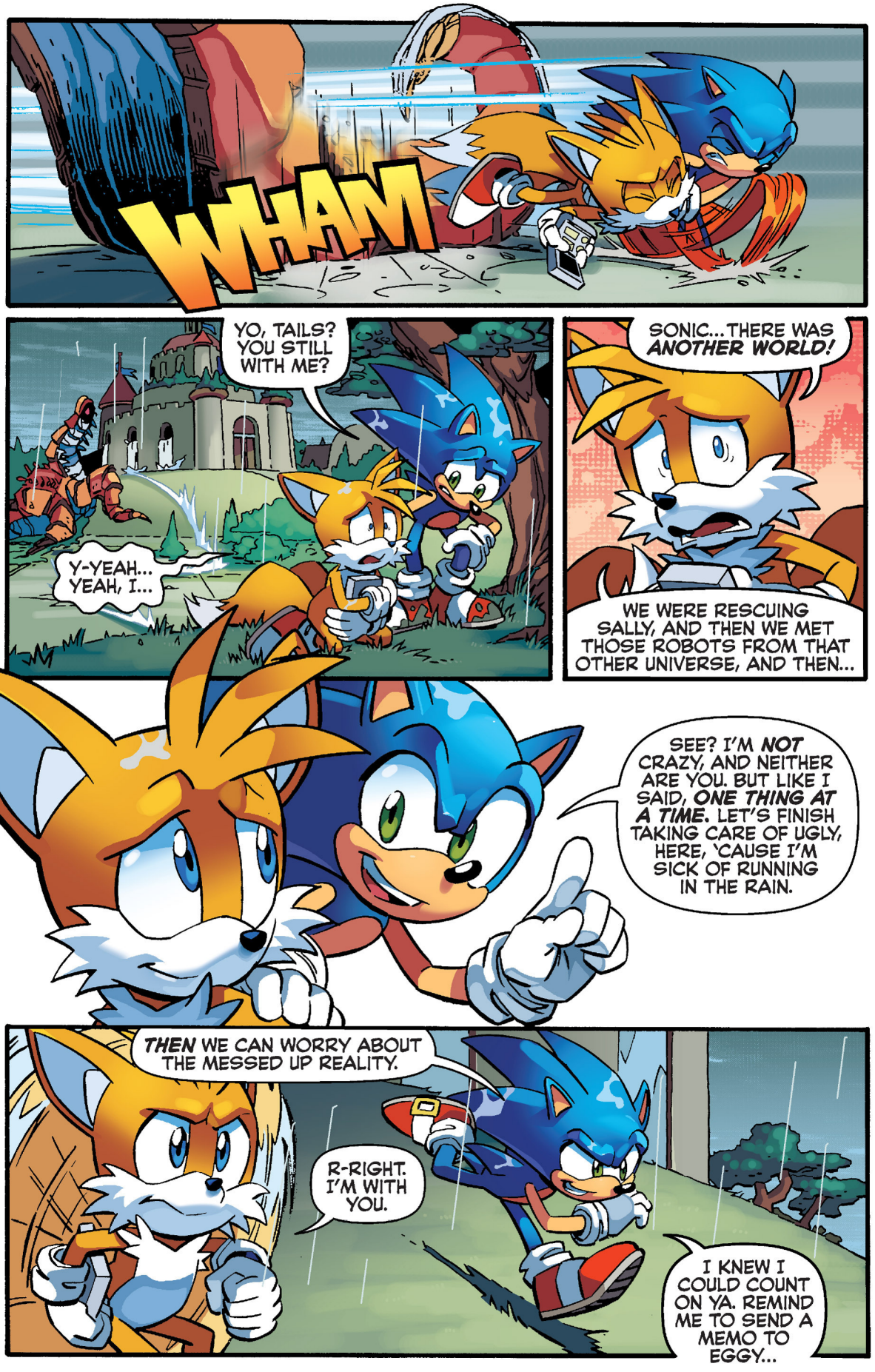
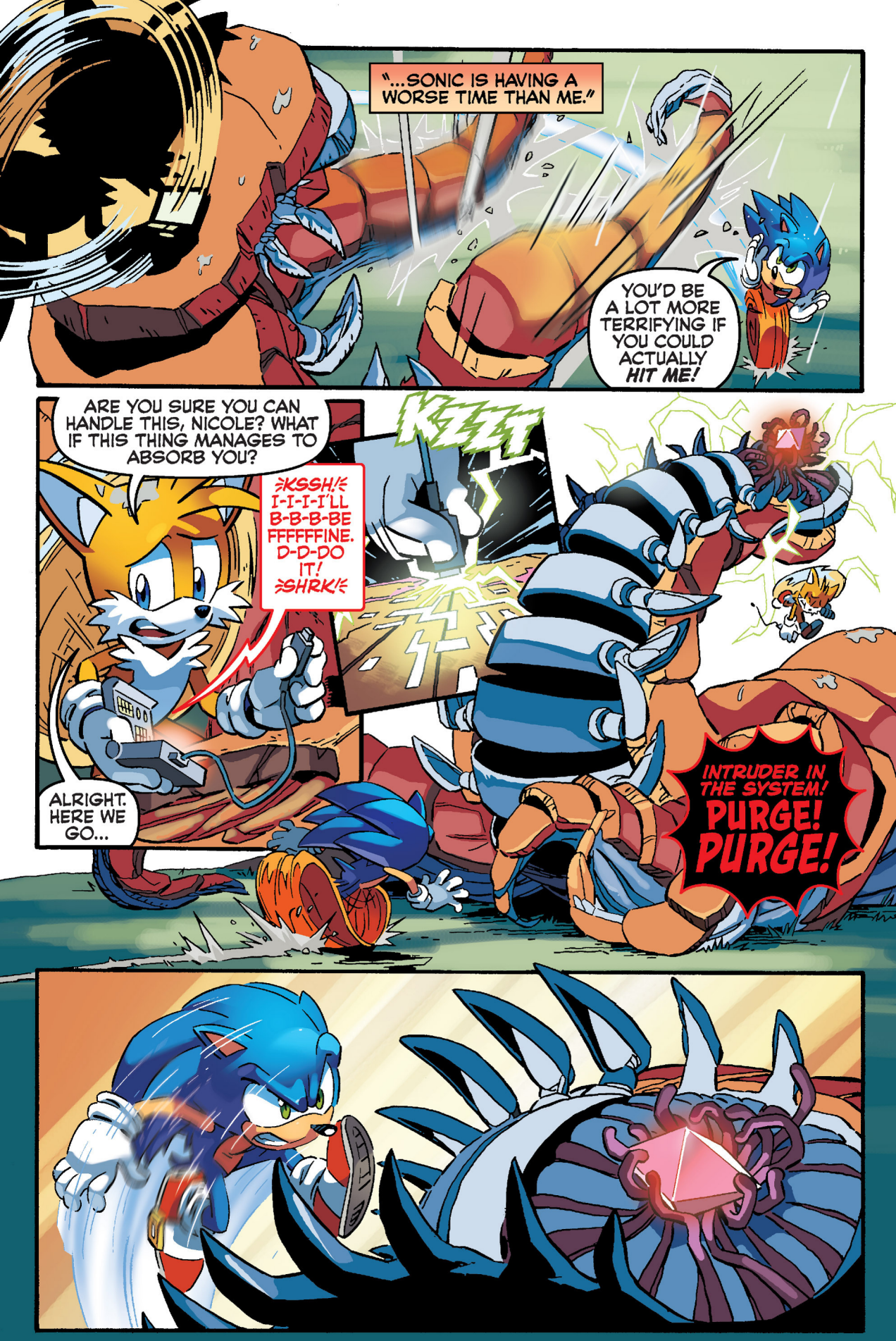
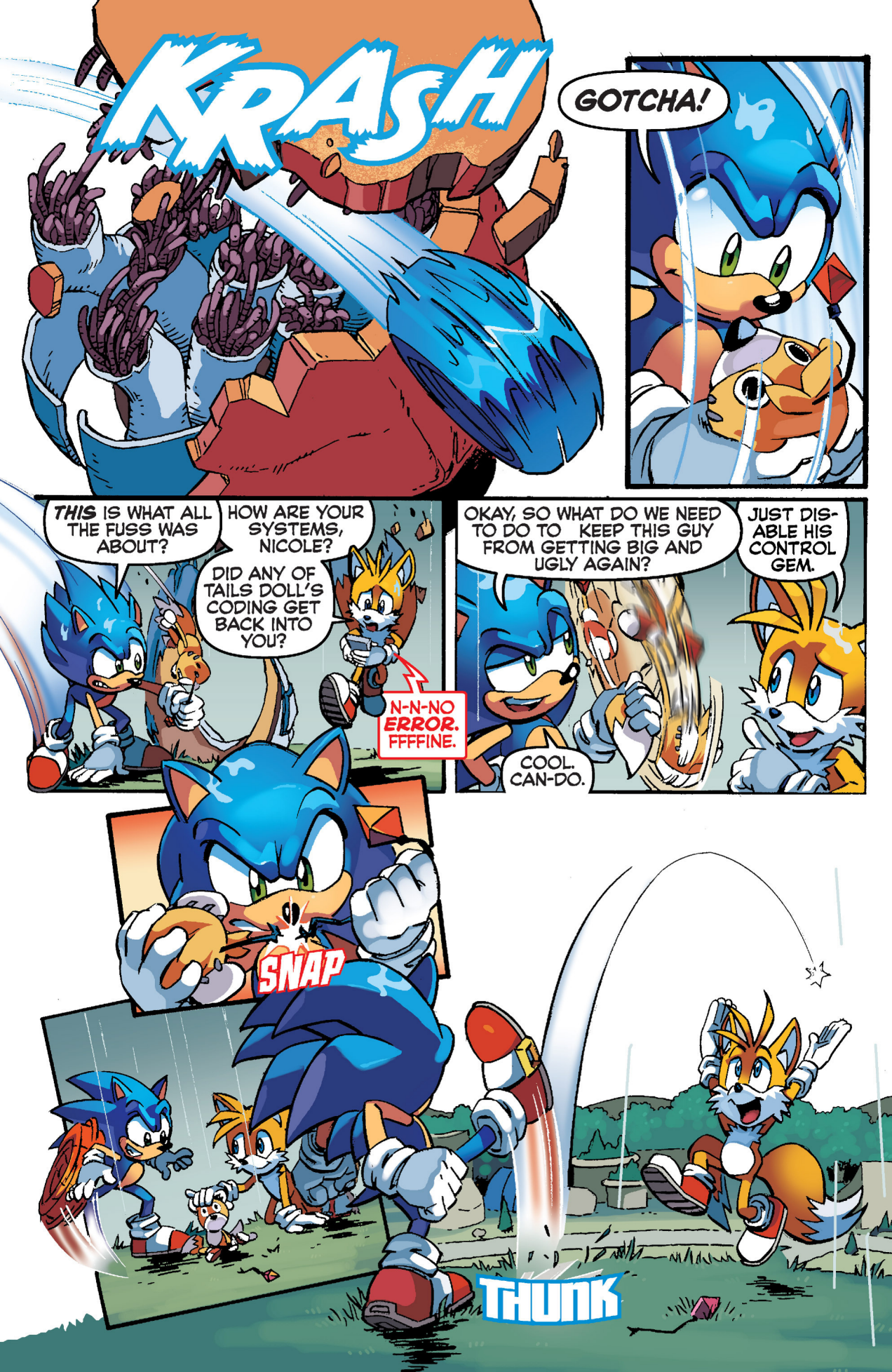
...ALL THAT... ALL THAT ...HAPPENED ...BUT...
I... REMEMBER ...EVERYTHING... DIFFERENTLY?

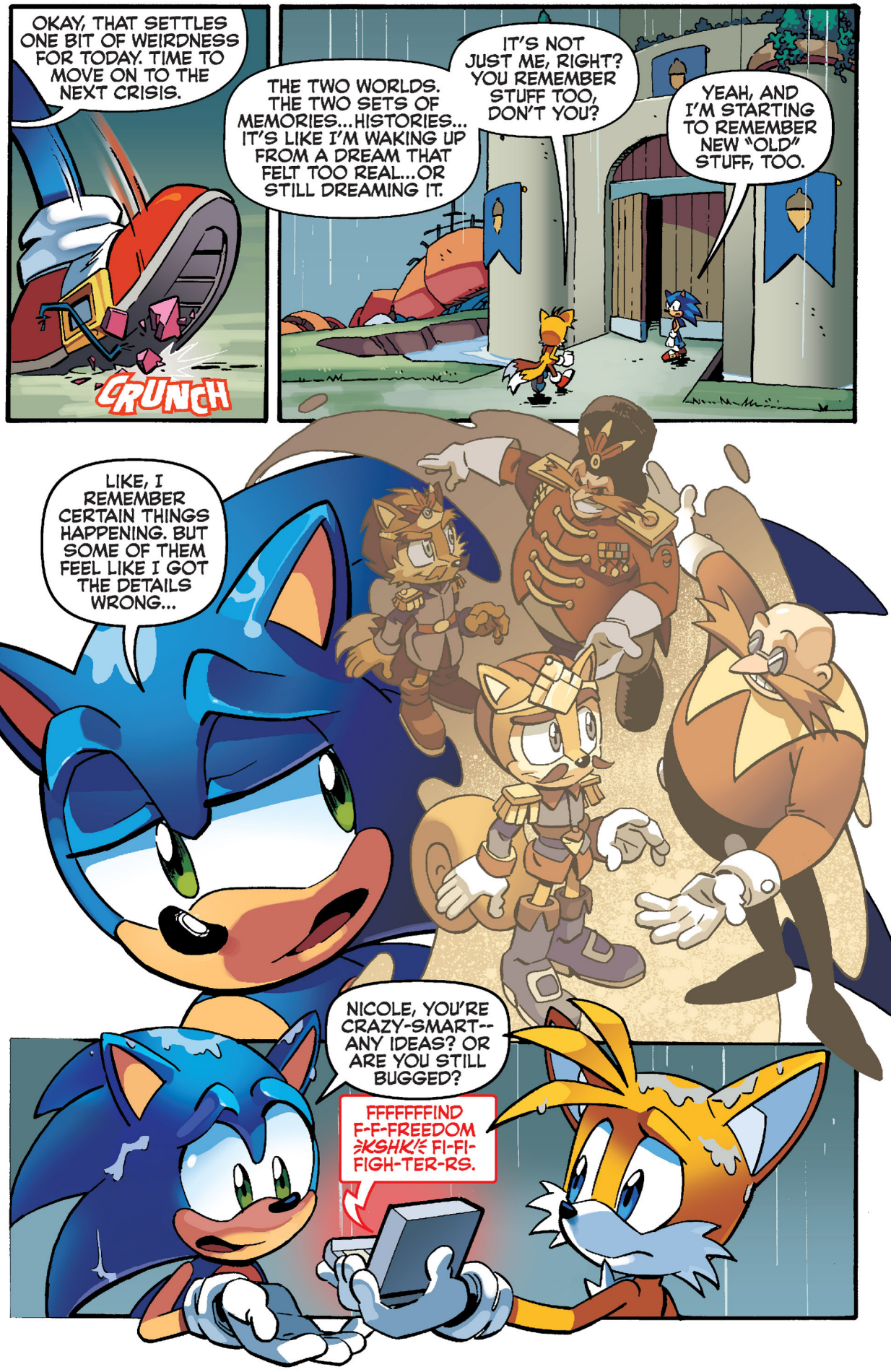

WHAM!
YO, TAILS? YOU STILL WITH ME?
Y-YEAH... YEAH, I...
SONIC...THERE WAS ANOTHER WORLD!
WE WERE RESCUING SALLY, AND THEN WE MET THOSE ROBOTS FROM THAT OTHER UNIVERSE, AND THEN...
SEE? I'M NOT CRAZY, AND NEITHER ARE YOU. BUT LIKE I SAID, ONE THING AT A TIME. LET'S FINISH TAKING CARE OF UGLY, HERE, 'CAUSE I'M SICK OF RUNNING IN THE RAIN.
THEN WE CAN WORRY ABOUT THE MESSED UP REALITY.
R-RIGHT. I'M WITH YOU.
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YA. REMIND ME TO SEND A MEMO TO EGGY...

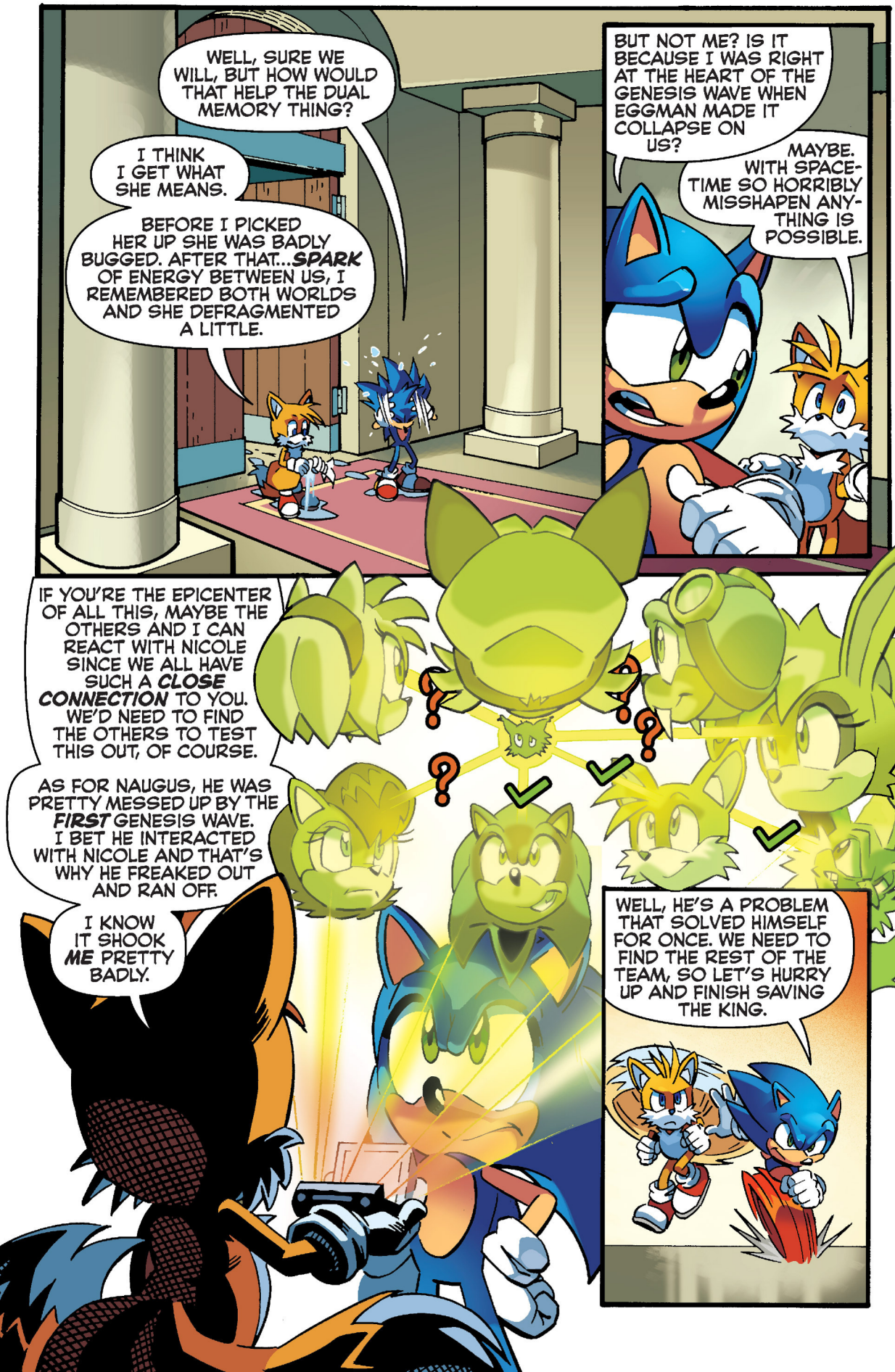
"...TELLING HIM NOT TO MAKE ANYTHING SO CREEPY AGAIN!"
EFRIKAN PLAINS
KOFF! KOFF!
DR. EGGMAN EVIL GENIUS
I HATE THAT HEDGE-HOG...
OOF!
RRGGH-- ORBOT! CUBOT! YOU BETTER HAVE MADE IT BACK TOO!
Oh, YES, BOSS. SURPRISINGLY IN ONE PIECE.
SPEAK FER YERSELF. I THINK I GOT A FEW SCREWS LOOSE.
I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR A WHILE.
ORBOT & CUBOT ROBOT LACKEYS

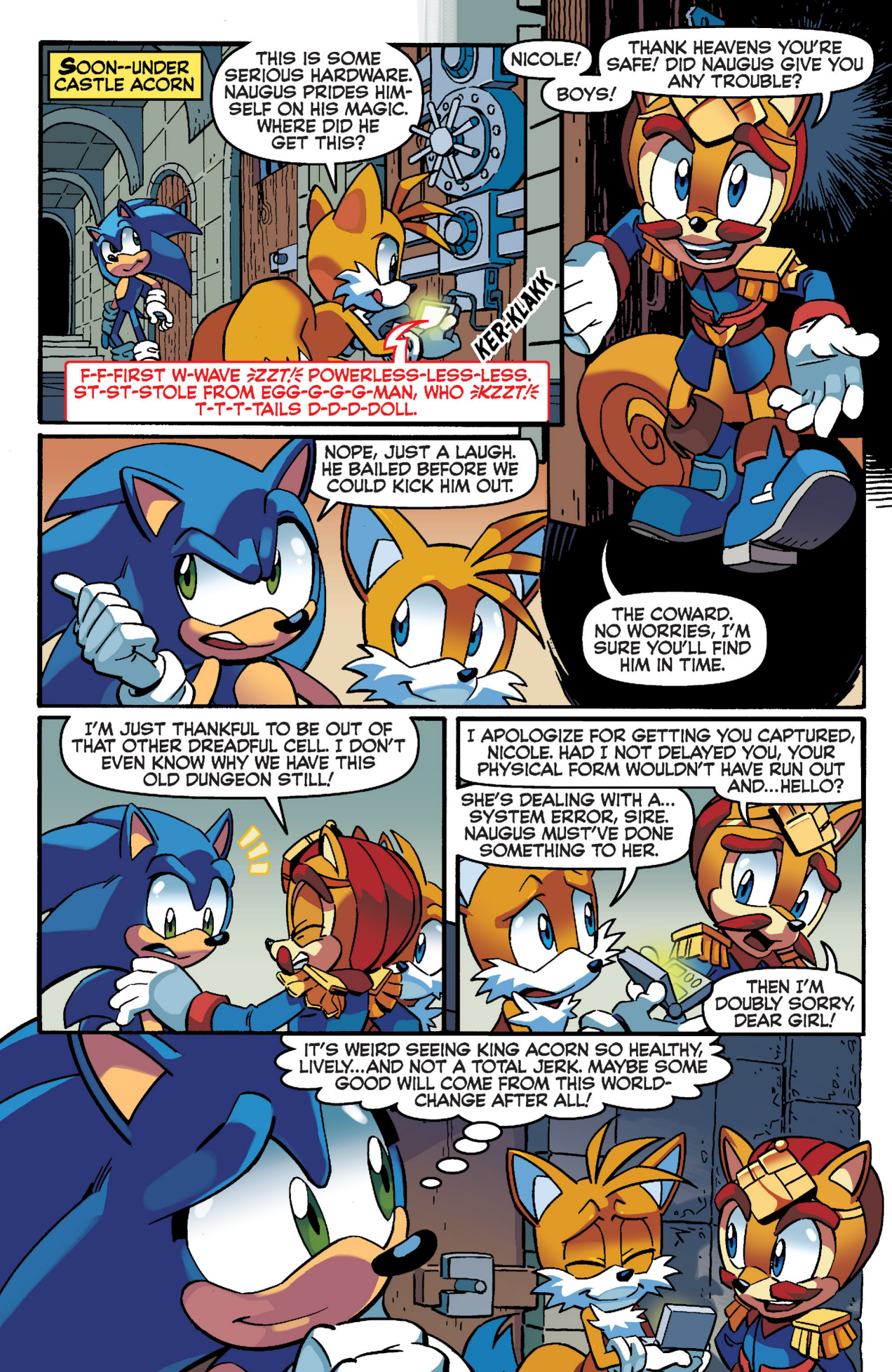
CAN IT, YOU TWO! I NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE ARE. ONCE WE GET BACK TO THE DEATH EGG, I CAN--
KLANG
BLAST IT, AL... I BLAME YOU FOR ALL THIS...
EXCEPT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO FLEW INTO THE COLLAPSING SPACE-TIME VORTEX OF CERTAIN DOOM, BOSS.
SIGH!
COME ON. WE NEED TO FIND SOME KIND OF SUPPORT OUT HERE. I CAN ONLY HOPE...

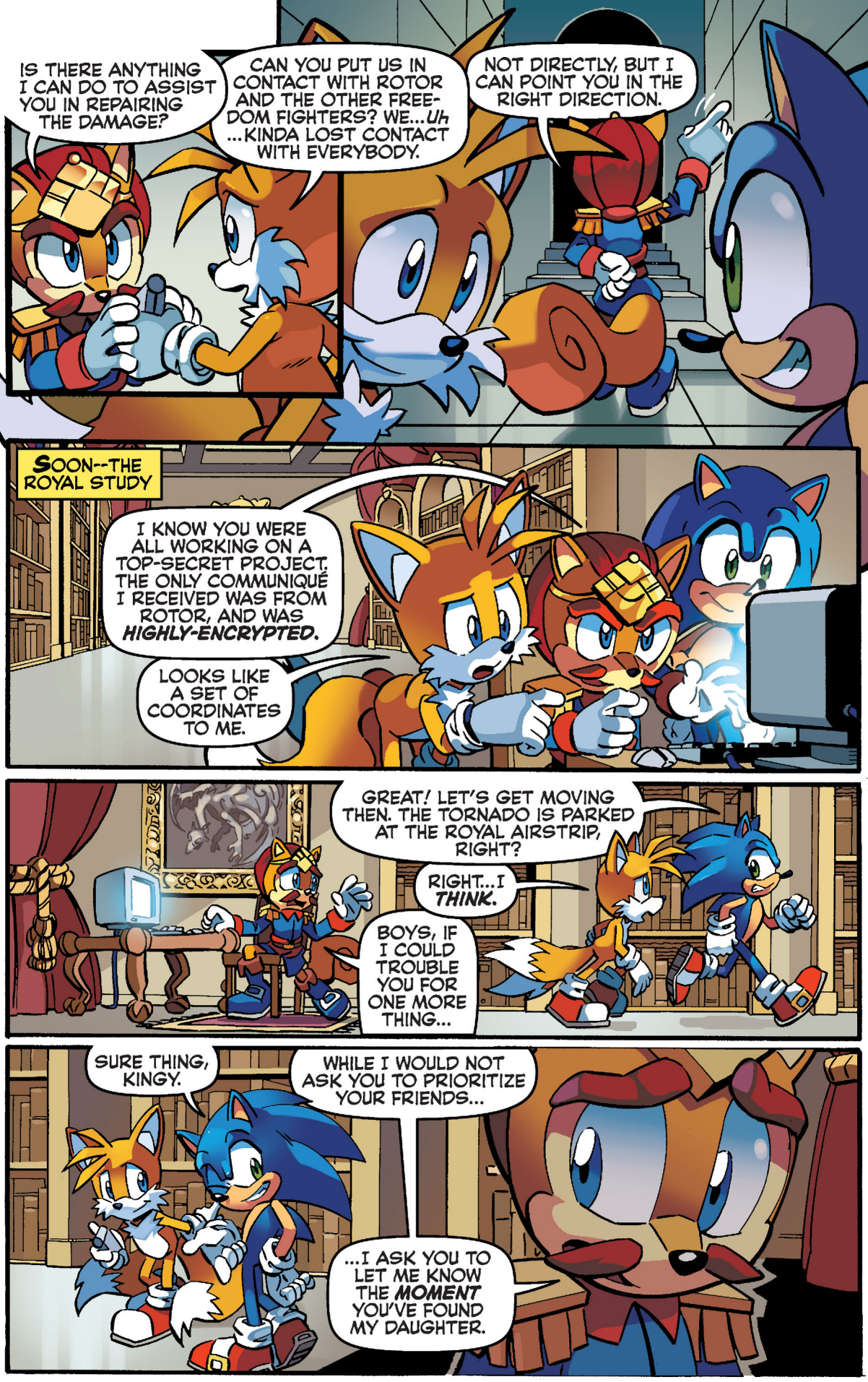

"...SONIC IS HAVING A WORSE TIME THAN ME."
YOU'D BE A LOT MORE TERRIFYING IF YOU COULD ACTUALLY HIT ME!
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THIS, NICOLE? WHAT IF THIS THING MANAGES TO ABSORB YOU?
=KSSH!= I-I-I-I'LL B-B-B-BE FFFFFFINE. D-D-DO IT! =SHRK!=
KZZT
ALRIGHT. HERE WE GO...
INTRUDER IN THE SYSTEM! PURGE! PURGE!

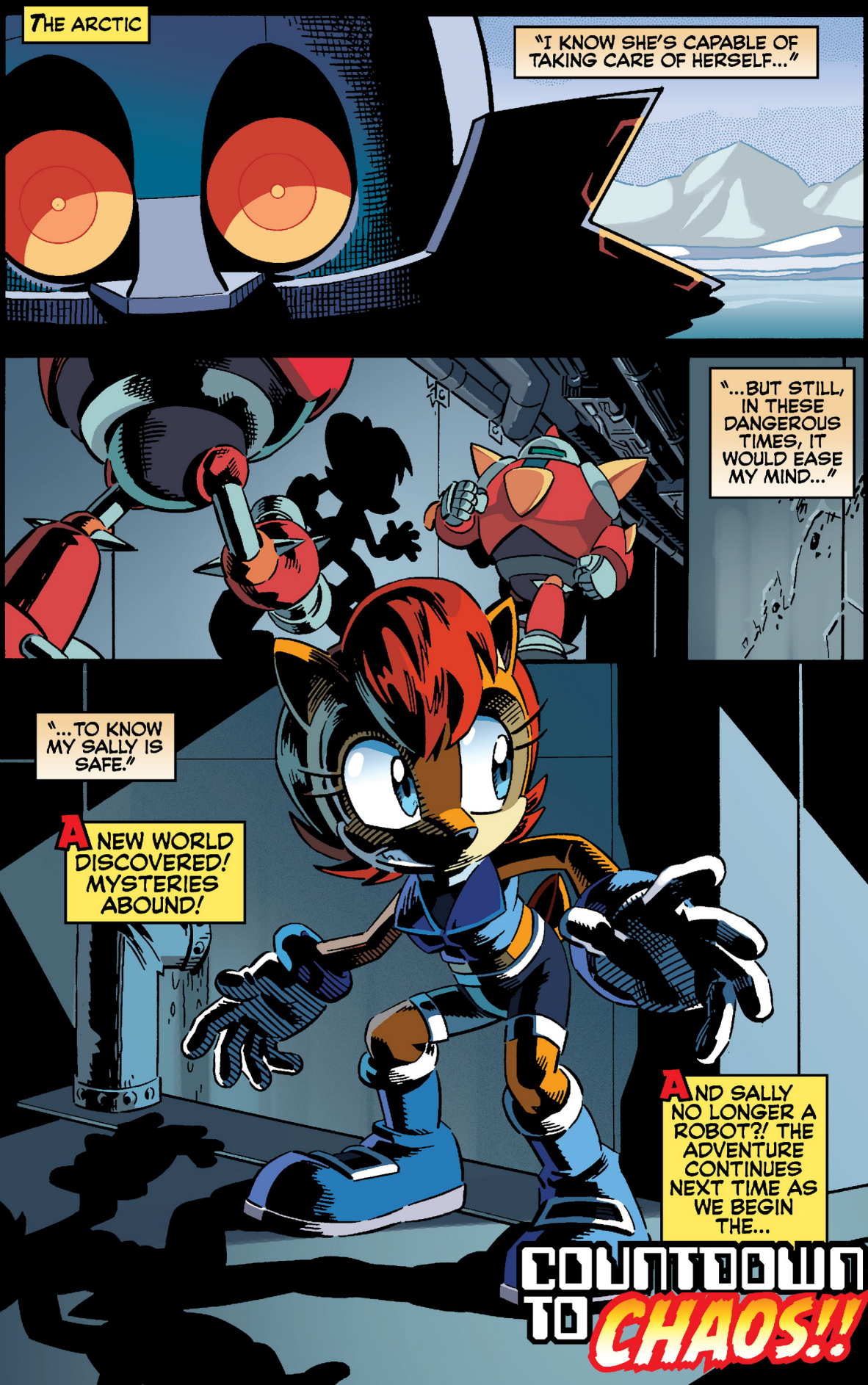

KRASH
GOTCHA!
THIS IS WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT?
HOW ARE YOUR SYSTEMS, NICOLE?
DID ANY OF TAILS DOLL'S CODING GET BACK INTO YOU?
N-N-NO ERROR. FFFFINE.
OKAY, SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO KEEP THIS GUY FROM GETTING BIG AND UGLY AGAIN?
JUST DISABLE HIS CONTROL GEM.
COOL. CAN-DO.
SNAP
THUNK


OKAY, THAT SETTLES ONE BIT OF WEIRDNESS FOR TODAY. TIME TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CRISIS.
CRUNCH
THE TWO WORLDS. THE TWO SETS OF MEMORIES...HISTORIES... IT'S LIKE I'M WAKING UP FROM A DREAM THAT FELT TOO REAL...OR STILL DREAMING IT.
IT'S NOT JUST ME, RIGHT? YOU REMEMBER STUFF TOO, DON'T YOU?
YEAH, AND I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER NEW "OLD" STUFF, TOO.
LIKE, I REMEMBER CERTAIN THINGS HAPPENING. BUT SOME OF THEM FEEL LIKE I GOT THE DETAILS WRONG...
NICOLE, YOU'RE CRAZY-SMART-- ANY IDEAS? OR ARE YOU STILL BUGGED?
FFFFFFFIND F-F-FREEDOM ≥KSHK!≤ FI-FI-FIGH-TER-RS.


WELL, SURE WE WILL, BUT HOW WOULD THAT HELP THE DUAL MEMORY THING?
I THINK I GET WHAT SHE MEANS.
BEFORE I PICKED HER UP SHE WAS BADLY BUGGED. AFTER THAT...SPARK OF ENERGY BETWEEN US, I REMEMBERED BOTH WORLDS AND SHE DEFRAGMENTED A LITTLE.
BUT NOT ME? IS IT BECAUSE I WAS RIGHT AT THE HEART OF THE GENESIS WAVE WHEN EGGMAN MADE IT COLLAPSE ON US?
MAYBE. WITH SPACE-TIME SO HORRIBLY MISSHAPEN ANY-THING IS POSSIBLE.
IF YOU'RE THE EPICENTER OF ALL THIS, MAYBE THE OTHERS AND I CAN REACT WITH NICOLE SINCE WE ALL HAVE SUCH A CLOSE CONNECTION TO YOU. WE'D NEED TO FIND THE OTHERS TO TEST THIS OUT, OF COURSE.
AS FOR NAUGUS, HE WAS PRETTY MESSED UP BY THE FIRST GENESIS WAVE. I BET HE INTERACTED WITH NICOLE AND THAT'S WHY HE FREAKED OUT AND RAN OFF.
I KNOW IT SHOOK ME PRETTY BADLY.
WELL, HE'S A PROBLEM THAT SOLVED HIMSELF FOR ONCE. WE NEED TO FIND THE REST OF THE TEAM, SO LET'S HURRY UP AND FINISH SAVING THE KING.


SOON--UNDER CASTLE ACORN
THIS IS SOME SERIOUS HARDWARE. NAUGUS PRIDES HIMSELF ON HIS MAGIC. WHERE DID HE GET THIS?
KER-KLAKK
F-F-FIRST W-WAVE ≠ZZT!≠ POWERLESS-LESS-LESS. ST-ST-STOLE FROM EGG-G-G-G-MAN, WHO ≠KZZT!≠ T-T-T-TAILS D-D-D-DOLL.
NICOLE!
BOYS!
THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE SAFE! DID NAUGUS GIVE YOU ANY TROUBLE?
NOPE, JUST A LAUGH. HE BAILED BEFORE WE COULD KICK HIM OUT.
THE COWARD. NO WORRIES, I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND HIM IN TIME.
I'M JUST THANKFUL TO BE OUT OF THAT OTHER DREADFUL CELL. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY WE HAVE THIS OLD DUNGEON STILL!
I APOLOGIZE FOR GETTING YOU CAPTURED, NICOLE. HAD I NOT DELAYED YOU, YOUR PHYSICAL FORM WOULDN'T HAVE RUN OUT AND...HELLO?
SHE'S DEALING WITH A... SYSTEM ERROR, SIRE. NAUGUS MUST'VE DONE SOMETHING TO HER.
THEN I'M DOUBLY SORRY, DEAR GIRL!
IT'S WEIRD SEEING KING ACORN SO HEALTHY, LIVELY...AND NOT A TOTAL JERK. MAYBE SOME GOOD WILL COME FROM THIS WORLD-CHANGE AFTER ALL!


IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU IN REPAIRING THE DAMAGE?
CAN YOU PUT US IN CONTACT WITH ROTOR AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS? WE...*Uh* ...KINDA LOST CONTACT WITH EVERYBODY.
NOT DIRECTLY, BUT I CAN POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.
SOON--THE ROYAL STUDY
I KNOW YOU WERE ALL WORKING ON A TOP-SECRET PROJECT. THE ONLY COMMUNIQUÉ I RECEIVED WAS FROM ROTOR, AND WAS ***HIGHLY-ENCRYPTED.***
LOOKS LIKE A SET OF COORDINATES TO ME.
GREAT! LET'S GET MOVING THEN. THE TORNADO IS PARKED AT THE ROYAL AIRSTRIP, RIGHT?
RIGHT...I ***THINK.***
BOYS, IF I COULD TROUBLE YOU FOR ONE MORE THING...
SURE THING, KINGY.
WHILE I WOULD NOT ASK YOU TO PRIORITIZE YOUR FRIENDS...
...I ASK YOU TO LET ME KNOW THE ***MOMENT*** YOU'VE FOUND MY DAUGHTER.


THE ARCTIC
"I KNOW SHE'S CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HERSELF..."
"...BUT STILL, IN THESE DANGEROUS TIMES, IT WOULD EASE MY MIND..."
"...TO KNOW MY SALLY IS SAFE."
A NEW WORLD DISCOVERED! MYSTERIES ABOUND!
AND SALLY NO LONGER A ROBOT?! THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES NEXT TIME AS WE BEGIN THE...
COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!!

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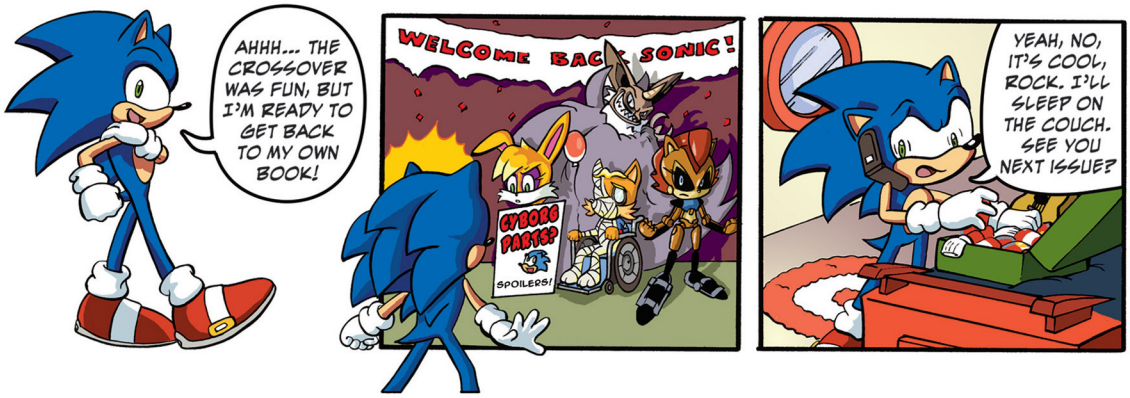
AHHH... THE CROSSOVER WAS FUN, BUT I'M READY TO GET BACK TO MY OWN BOOK!
WELCOME BACK SONIC!
CYBORG PARTS?
SPOILERS!
YEAH, NO, IT'S COOL, ROCK. I'LL SLEEP ON THE COUCH. SEE YOU NEXT ISSUE?

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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'
I'm gonna make this nice and short for this month's Sonic-Grams as I'm at a loss for words after reading last issue. I would like to thank you for this epic 12 part saga, Sonic & Mega Man™ "Worlds Collide".

You're welcome! Thank YOU for reading it! :)

First of all, the whole story has been awesome. Every single panel from each and every page and issue has been outstanding, mind-blowing and packed with surprises around each and every corner.

You got that right! "Worlds Collide" was packed with all sorts of goodies, even little details in the backgrounds! Did you spot 'em all?! Let us know! Also, if you missed the epicness of the Sonic and Mega Man crossover, fear not, because volume one is available for pre-order now!

Also, this has to be my second time writing up a letter since #247. I hope for the best in future times for both Archie and the comic itself.

Until then, Your blue blur/duo fan, Walter S. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

P.S: Keep up the good work all of you. You're doing great so far!

Thanks for writing in and for the kind words, Walter!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'
I love your comics! I'm a big fan of Metal Sonic, along with the whole Metal series too! Thanks for all of the hard work on the comics,guys! They are so awesome!!

Your "I love your comics" fan, Beau F. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Beau! Keep your eyes peeled for more "Metal" action in upcoming issues!

Dear 'Sonic-Grams,'
I've really been enjoying the crossover so far and I can't wait for "Countdown to Chaos"! The Freedom Fighters look awesome! I have a fan art submission for the "Sonic the Hedgehog" comic book.

Thanks! Fan art you say? Is that your work I see on the previous page?!

I'm really looking forward to the new stories Ian Flynn is bringing to us as well as Tracy Yardley's "Pirate Plunder Panic" story in Sonic Universe! Keep bringing us awesome stories of our favorite universe and stay way past cool, Sonic-Grams!

Lefty S.sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Lefty!

See ya'll next month for part one of COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS!

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